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Students rail against parking bill

About 40 people show up for rally

BY ANNE M. GLENZER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

About 40 GW and Georgetown university students gathered Tuesday across the street from the Wilson District building to protest the D.C. Council's repeal of student parking reciprocity, claiming students were shut out of the legislative process.

The rally sparked the beginning of the Student Association's fight, which could include legal action, to defeat the parking legislation and other anti-student measures, said Richard Sheehy, chairman of the D.C. Capital Consortium.

Protesters stressed the importance of student involvement in the legislative process, such as working with the District government and registering students to vote in D.C.

"We need to be invited to the table to discuss issues so we can work with our communities, not against them," Sheehy said.

He said the way the Council went about passing the legislation last July was "sneaky at best" because it passed as a rider to an appropriations bill during the summer, when most students were not in town.

"The sooner (the Council) sits down and starts talking to us, we can end the animosity and get down to work," said Rebecca Sinderbrand, a Georgetown University student running for the Advisory Neighborhood Commission.

After the rally, eight students, including Sheehy and SA President Damian McKenna, went to the Wilson building and told a staff member from Ward 2 Councilman Jack Evans' office that students want to be involved in working on solutions to the parking crunch.

Evans, who sponsored the legislation, was unavailable to meet with the students.

McKenna said students would like to appear before the Council (See SA, p. 10)



Jay Crystal/GW Hatchet

A fired-up SA President Damian McKenna leads a small student turnout at Tuesday's parking rally. About 40 students turned out from all area universities.

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Student protesters hold up signs at a rally at Freedom Plaza.

Reich: higher wages, education help poor

BY WILLIAM DAVIS
HATCHET REPORTER

U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert Reich spoke of the benefits of the increased minimum wage Tuesday in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, citing America's moral obligation to the impoverished.

GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg introduced Reich, saying he had been the most vigorous proponent of a 1996 minimum wage law. Trachtenberg also said Reich helped crack down on sweat shops and on businesses that have fraudulent medical benefits within the United States.

Reich's speech was given on the day a minimum wage increase of 50 cents went into effect.

"Four-point-two million workers will be affected by the increase from \$4.25 to \$4.75 of the minimum wage. On Sept. 1, 1997, there will be another increase of 40 cents," Reich said.

Reich said that with these increases, "a worker with a family of two will be able to bring their family out of poverty."

"This is also a moral act. We have a tradition in this country that if you work hard and play by the rules you shouldn't live impoverished," Reich said.

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U.S. Secretary of Labor
Robert Reich

Key changes axed from charter

JEC proposal gets second new look; 1-day elections eliminated

BY ILENE CLAUSON
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The student leaders responsible for the proposed changes to the Joint Elections Committee charter released a new plan Monday night that eliminates several of the key changes announced last week.

The newest proposal was discussed Monday night as the Student Association, Marvin Center Governing Board and Program Board gave students the opportunity to speak about the alterations at a public meeting.

The second revised document to be released in five days does not mention the previously proposed

non-currency gifts to candidates and eliminates the suggested one-day voting period.

That document was drafted sometime between the release of the charter on Sept. 26 and Monday's meeting.

"We've gotten rid of the inconsistencies in the document," MCGB Chair Kate Arnold said. She added that most students at the forum supported the newest proposed changes.

Some changes were retained from the Sept. 26 revision, including equal representation on the committee for the three organizations, clarification of the run-off election process and alterations to the cam-

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Students rush for a chance to go Greek

Computers update college tradition

BY BECKY NEILSON
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Fall rush began last weekend for more than 300 students considering joining the University's fraternities and sororities.

Similarities between sorority and fraternity rush, however, end there.

The fraternities operate under an informal rush system in which students can choose from events planned by each chapter with little guidance from the Interfraternity Council, the governing board for GW's male Greek-letter organizations.

Sorority rush is a more formal process run by the Panhellenic Association, which oversees sorority activities on campus.

Rushees pay a fee to enter the sorority rush process, which involves a series of events intended to introduce them to the sisters in each of GW's six chapters.

"I liken fraternity rush to a confederacy, where the central government has very little control and the states have immense power. Sorority rush is more federalist - the central government

takes control," said Marcie Tucker, the University's Greek Affairs coordinator.

The women's rush process requires rushees to visit each chapter before a student narrows her choices down to one sorority, where she is offered a bid.

Men, however, may attend events at one house, or may visit a few different fraternities during the week.

Tucker said sororities hold a more informal rush in the spring, but are mandated by their chapters to hold a formal rush in the fall.

Carrie Jablonow, the Panhellenic Association's vice president for rush, said this week the sororities were unified, which she attributes to a meeting held with all of the sisters before rush began.

"It's much less of a competitive process than it's been in the past. The sororities are really working together."

Despite the formality of sorority rush, Jablonow said the rushees seem comfortable with the process.

The Panhellenic Association uses a computer program called Compute-A-Rush to keep the event

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GOP IS A BIG TENT -
BUT IS REAGANOMICS
GOOD FOR US?

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Senate postpones freezing SA funds

Groups have difficulty registering

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET REPORTER

Unregistered student groups will not have their funds taken away, as the Student Association Senate voted Tuesday to postpone the freezing of money distribution.

The allocation of funds to 97 student groups and the search for a new parliamentarian were also on the meeting's agenda.

Normally, Vice President for Financial Affairs Andrew Lewis would be required to withhold the funds of student groups that did not register with the Office of Campus Activities by Oct. 11. But because some senators believe the OCA has made it more difficult for groups to register, and 68 groups had not registered as of Tuesday, the Senate voted to postpone the freezing.

"It's a lot more of a hassle than it should be to register as a group," graduate Sen. Rich Wilke (SBPM) said. Wilke has been trying to register his organization, the Master's Public Administration Association.

"I'm thrilled with the decision," Lewis said. "I think the process is cumbersome for groups to register."

He cited poor communication as a possible reason for the problems. This year, the office did not allow spring registration of groups and is requiring additional information.

Lori Pederson, director of Campus Activities, denied that the process was problematic.

"It's the same process we've had for the past four years," she said. "We've had a record number of groups (255) that already went through the information sessions."

She also said spring registration was canceled because students' information changes during the summer.

This decision came as the SA passed the allocation of \$35,000 to student groups. Ninety-seven organizations received money from the Finance Committee, which heard each group's requests and evaluated their budgets.

The SA also reserved \$5,000 for a buffer fund. This money will be allocated to groups in January, since

most did not receive what they asked for in their initial budgets.

"It gives them a chance to prove themselves," said graduate Sen. and Finance Committee Chairman J.P. Blackford (SEAS).

Dianne Gayoski, SA executive vice president, announced that Peter Marquez had resigned as parliamentarian. She said Marquez felt "limited in his position."

The other two open positions in the Senate are graduate seats for the Elliott School of International Affairs and the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

Students interested in either of the positions can contact the SA at 994-7100.

In other actions, two similar bills introduced by the Academic Affairs Committee were sent back to the committee because of a lack of research.

The first bill dealt with 200-, 199- and 198-level classes. The second bill dealt with discussion and recitation classes for the sub-100 sections. Both were sponsored by graduate Sen. Randy Papadopoulos (CSAS) and proposed a limit of 20 students in those classes.

The Senate did pass a bill asking for assistance from the faculty in the coordination of the Academic Update. It asks that questionnaires, given to students at the end of each semester, be completed for all classes with more than five students. They are also requesting that the Update include course enrollment information.

Jahna Hartwig was elected to the GW Law School seat at the meeting. She served as graduate at large senator last year and received both her bachelor of arts and master's degrees at GW.

In addition, Emily Cummins was appointed CSAS graduate Senator. She was unopposed in seeking the position.

In other business, Greg Curvan was placed on suspension. The School of Medicine and Health Sciences Senator has been absent the last three meetings, and he has not returned repeated attempts to contact him.

DebateWatch ready for launch in J Street

GW will host three live broadcasts of the presidential and vice presidential debates as part of DebateWatch '96, a project developed to "strengthen communities and build civic participation," according to a press release.

Program Board will sponsor the first presidential debate Oct. 6, and GW's fraternities and sororities will sponsor the second on Oct. 16.

The vice presidential debate will be sponsored by Hillel and the Student Association on Oct. 9.

After each viewing, students, staff, faculty and community members will gather in small groups to

discuss the issues presented by the candidates.

Summaries of these DebateWatch discussions will be forwarded to the Commission on Presidential Debates, which will compile participants' reactions and publicly announce the results within 48 hours of each debate.

The televised debates will be shown in J Street at 9 p.m. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and participants will be seated by 8:45 p.m. Tickets are required and are available free in Marvin Center room 204 or at the door.

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Bait and switch

In this space last week, we praised student leaders for finally attempting to do something about the outdated, vague Joint Elections Committee charter. Unfortunately, our praise was premature. The same student leaders who proposed the changes have now waffled and wavered in a tremendous reversal.

We now find that a good number of the proposed changes didn't even make it to Monday's public hearing on the issue. Some language was clarified, and several small reforms were passed. For example, candidates who make it through a runoff may now spend an additional 15 percent above their campaign limit, and if one of the three chartered groups has no candidates in the runoff, it does not have to pay its share of the extra expenses.

But several of the most important reforms – such as changing the election period from two days to one, and allowing non-currency gifts, rather than setting an arbitrary price for reporting purposes – were thrown out even before the student body had a chance to comment on them. Why?

What we gather is that when student leaders involved in proposing the changes discussed them with other Student Association, Program Board and Marvin Center Governing Board members, those members started telling them they wouldn't support the changes. But is that an excuse for denying the student body a chance to comment on the proposal?

Student leaders should have given the proposal a chance – at least a chance to be turned down. Dialogue cannot start if change is never even given a chance to come out in the open.

Unfortunately, the one big change that was implemented – giving SA, PB and the MCGB each three JEC members – just isn't a good idea. The JEC sometimes has trouble making decisions with the current five members. How on earth will it be effective with nine members?

The final product of all this talking is weak, to say the least. It's unfortunate that student leaders are apparently too afraid of each other to allow change to take place when it is needed most.

Foul play

Baltimore Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar apparently doesn't understand why people are so upset about his spitting on an umpire last week. What he really doesn't understand is that if a baseball player is enough of an adult to make millions of dollars a year, he should be able to act like an adult on and off the field as well.

Not only did Alomar initially refuse to apologize, but he also suggested that umpire John Hirschbeck's ability has been compromised by the death of Hirschbeck's seven-year-old son. This sort of attack is inexcusable, and Alomar should be ashamed of himself for making it.

Umpires sometimes make bad or questionable calls, and they often get in shouting matches with players as a result. This is just part of the game; nobody's perfect. But a physical assault – which definitely includes spitting on someone – should not be a part of the game.

Alomar's five-game suspension is a ridiculously light punishment. While the umpires' decision to threaten a strike may not solve the problem, their anger is understandable. Alomar should begin serving his suspension immediately, although baseball usually does not enforce suspensions during the playoffs. Missing a mere five games at the beginning of next season is not going to make him think twice about his mistake. It will also send the wrong message to the millions of young people who see baseball players such as Alomar as heroes and role models.

Other sports have cracked down on this sort of thing. The National Hockey League is dealing out stiffer penalties to players who fight on the ice; in the National Football League, players aren't even allowed to celebrate too much in the end zone. Where are baseball's priorities? These players need to start earning their salaries, and that means they have to play – and act – fairly.

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GOP's tent is open to everyone who wants freedom, opportunity

The GOP truly is a big-tent party, open to everyone who believes in core Republican ideas, regardless of their race, gender or religion. Colin Powell recently summarized these ideas, saying, "I became a Republican because I believe our party best represents the principles of freedom, opportunity and limited government upon which our nation was founded. I became a Republican because I believe the policies of our party will lead to greater economic growth."

From Abraham Lincoln to Dwight Eisenhower to George Bush, these are the principles the Republican party has stood and fought for – freedom, liberty and opportunity for all. And so it stands today, under Bob Dole and the Republican majority.

What general policies do Republicans believe will achieve these goals?

Cutting taxes: You can spend your money better than the government.

Reforming welfare: Thirty years and tens of billions of dollars has only led to higher poverty and a permanent underclass.

Cutting bureaucracy: Getting government off peoples' backs and

giving power back to states and communities.

Fiscal responsibility: The government should only spend as much as it takes in.

But will these policies work? The answer is an unequivocal "Yes." Let's look at the Republican record: During the Republican economic expansion of 1982 to 1990,

Jason Miller
Mike Passey

African American employment rose 30 percent and the number of African American-owned businesses rose by more than one-third. The number of Hispanic-owned businesses surged 81 percent during the 1980s – five times the growth rate of all other U.S. companies in the same period. The latter half of the 1980s also saw an 89.3 percent increase in Asian-owned businesses.

"G.O.P." truly stands for "Growth, Opportunity, Prosperity." Clearly, the stereotype that Republican policies benefit only rich, white, Christian men is inappropriate and without factual support.

Of course, the Republican party does include outspoken members of America's evangelical Christian community, and we welcome their contributions to the public debate. We're also proud to include such prominent social moderates as Govs. William Weld of Massachusetts and Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey, as well as Reps. Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.) and Susan Molinari (R-N.Y.). Democratic societies are kept strong by engaging in honest and open debates. Regardless of our differences, we are ALL united in our commitment to a limited and fiscally responsible government, one that maintains a faith in the American people and provides them with the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

So take pride, all you Republicans, and if you're not one of us, why don't you give the GOP another look? As Colin Powell says, "We are a big enough party and big enough people to disagree on individual issues and still work together for our common goal: restoring the American dream."

—Jason Miller is executive counsel and Mike Passey is director of public relations of the GW College Republicans.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Free speech?

I opened The GW Hatchet this morning to find a pleasant surprise – a cute little letter attacking my publication, *Independence Magazine* ("Defending the homeless," The GW Hatchet, Sept. 30, p. 5).

I was not surprised by this letter from Josh Hoeltzel, for Mr. Hoeltzel had previously engaged in correspondence with *Independence Magazine*. This correspondence consisted of a mutilated copy of *Independence Magazine* tacked to our door, with scribbling in black marker that read "Dear Human Pond Scum" and "You're a Piece of Shit."

We here at *Independence Magazine* were so impressed with Mr. Hoeltzel's eloquence that our columnist John Bragg called him up to ask when they could meet.

Surprisingly, Mr. Hoeltzel never got back to us. Instead, he responded by writing to President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and The GW Hatchet with a letter that, while somewhat nicer in language, conveyed the same basic ideas. To first address an inaccuracy in Mr. Hoeltzel's letter: *Independence Magazine* is an independent student newspaper. It is not published by the American Collegiate Conservatives.

I find it amusing that Mr. Hoeltzel urges President Trachtenberg to "take action," but fails to specify what action he'd like taken. Perhaps he'd like the University to storm into our office and shut us down. Or perhaps he'd like the University to censor every article in our paper, so that we can only express views that he feels comfortable about.

It's time to come out of your

ivory tower, Mr. Hoeltzel. People are going to say things that you won't like. That's part of academic freedom, freedom of speech and freedom of the press. If you were still uncomfortable with something that's been written in our paper, *Independence Magazine* would have welcomed a letter to the editor from you. Instead you chose to tack graffiti to our door and whine to the president of the University and to The Hatchet. That's your choice, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I won't tell you what you can write, and I sincerely hope you'll return the favor in the future.

—Jeff Baxter, managing editor
Independence Magazine
Editor's Note: *Independence Magazine* was originally published by the American Collegiate Conservatives, but incorporated as an independent publication in 1996.

OPINION

Reaganomics Part Two is not what Americans need

In the Sept. 26, 1996, issue of The GW Hatchet, an opinion piece entitled "Dole's economic plan is the answer to nation's budget and debt woes" was featured.

While I agree that Bob Dole's plan is an answer, it is quite clearly the WRONG answer to the question of how to best prepare the American economy for the 21st century.

The author of that piece criticized Democrats for skeptically comparing it to the Reaganomics of the 1980s. He lauded Reagan for the supposed prosperity that he attributes to that decade, while blaming the "policies of a liberal Democratic Congress" for increasing our nation's debt. The problem is that the author only recalls as much about Reagan's actions in office as the ex-president did himself during the Iran-Contra hearings ... almost nothing.

Lloyd Bentsen couldn't have summarized the Republican economic policies of the 1980s better than in 1988, when he labeled it the "illusion of prosperity." The Reagan administration borrowed hundreds of billions of dollars each year, injected that borrowed money into the economy through the hands of the rich and basked in the news that in the short run unemployment was down and the economy looked rosy. But by the time the Reagan era (or more aptly, the "Reagan error") was over, the bank accounts of the wealthy had inflated while average Americans were left to pay Reagan's bill. Yet the author of last Thursday's opinion letter

seemed astonished by people's loss of faith in Reaganomics.

The writer also scoffed at the notion put forth by many Democrats that Dole's proposed 15 percent tax cut would cause the federal deficit – which President Clinton has managed to cut by 60 percent – to swell back up to the size it was during the Reagan error, hence further ballooning our \$5 trillion debt.

The writer asserted that if Dole is elected with a Republican Congress, he will avoid the problems that would be posed by a "liberal" Congress. However, those assertions are misguided. Here are the facts – see if you can detect the utter lack of consistency in the Republican conclusions.

- Fact No. 1: From 1977 to 1981, President Jimmy Carter – who the Republicans love to brand as the "liberal's liberal" – was in The White House. During all four years of the Carter presidency, the "liberal" Democrats also controlled both houses of Congress. The national debt when Carter entered office was about \$706 billion. When he left office it was about \$995 billion – an average increase of about \$72 billion per year. (Stay with me here)

- Fact No. 2: From 1981 to 1989, President Ronald Reagan – the hero of many conservative Republicans and the man Bob Dole seeks to emulate – was in The White House. During the first six years of Reagan's administration, he had a GOP-controlled

Senate. In those six years, the debt rose from about \$995 billion to about \$2.346 trillion – an increase of about \$1.351 trillion, or about \$225 billion per year (more than three times Carter's yearly average).

- Republican Conclusion No. 1: Democrats in the Congress are solely responsible for our nation's huge debt. There is no correlation between the Republican rise to power and the ensuing ballooning of our debt.

- Republican Conclusion No. 2: If Americans elect good old Bob Dole and a Republican Congress, he will do what Reagan couldn't do with a "liberal" Democratic Congress – cut taxes and balance that budget.

This Republican logic is amazingly absurd, yet stunningly typical. And the author of the piece was not daunted by the fact that his nostalgia for the Reagan era was ill-conceived. In fact, he continued citing the classic Republican dribble about the current Dole plan.

He referred to "tax relief: a 15 percent cut in individual income taxes" This desperate proposal intends to appeal to the economic anxiety of poor- and middle-class voters. The tragic irony with this tax cut is that some people might be fooled into thinking Dole's plan is meant to benefit average Americans, when the underlying truth is that his proposal will benefit the wealthy much more.

For example, on Sept. 29, Newt Gingrich bragged that some families making \$30,000 a year could save \$1,261 as a result of the Dole plan. But how come, in their eternal thoroughness, Republicans never mention how much Steve Forbes or other tycoons will benefit from Dole's plan?

Let's do some quick math ... assume that someone extremely well off makes \$20 million a year. While many middle class Americans are taxed in the 20 and 30 percent ranges, let's be safe and assume that due to loopholes, this millionaire only pays 10 percent in taxes, or \$2 million per year. If the Dole plan went into effect, this millionaire who already used loopholes in the system would get back an additional \$300,000 – equaling the savings of 240 of Newt Gingrich's \$30,000 families!

It is time for Republican politicians to wake up and realize that solving the woes of the middle class and poor is not as simple as giving money to the rich and hoping that this time it will actually "trickle down." America does not need to build a bridge back to the Reagan error, embarking into a second round of a failed economic policy that results in the rich getting richer and the middle class and poor getting screwed. America does not need to re-elect a Republican Congress, and America certainly does not need President Bob Dole.

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Program stresses fitness tips

Wellness agenda addresses physical and emotional needs

BY ERIC LADLEY
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Students are able to stay awake more easily for an all-nighter by eating chicken and cheese, according to GW Wellness Program Coordinator Jaci Grunninger.

Students can also stay awake by avoiding carbohydrates and by not sitting in one place for a long time, she said.

These tips are part of the GW Wellness Program.

"Our goal is to promote the health and well-being of students by relieving stress," Grunninger said.

The program counsels students in eating and exercising correctly and achieving a balance between the different facets of their lives, she said.

"There are six dimensions to the student's make-up: social, emotional, spiritual, intellectual, vocational and physical," Grunninger said.

She said these dimensions are explored in programs starting this month, such as "Positive Body," "MAGIC" (Mindfulness and Guided Imagery Combined), the "Stress Management Retreat" and the "Great American Lowfat Pigout."

The Positive Body workshop will cover how women can cope with "the media's characterization of them," Grunninger said.

"It focuses on how women perceive themselves," Assistant Wellness Program Coordinator Heather Oestrike said. "The media is obsessed with thinness. The thinner you are, the more worthy you are."

She added that the program would help women overcome this characterization by improving their relationships with dieting and food.

The Positive Body, which will be conducted for six weeks, began

Tuesday in the Strong Hall Piano Lounge. It will continue Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in Strong until Oct. 11, when it will be held Fridays at noon in Marvin Center room 410.

MAGIC teaches stress management through yoga, meditation and music. It runs five weeks and begins Thursday at noon in MC room 406.

The Stress Management Retreat will teach students how to use mindfulness and meditation to manage stress in everyday life, according to a press release. Students should wear comfortable clothing and bring a pillow. It will be held Saturday in MC 414 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Interested students can call Grunninger at 994-8000 to make reservations.

The Great American Lowfat Pigout will be held in Thurston Hall on Oct. 16. Lowfat cookies, milk, meat and cheese will be featured, as well as fruit. It will instruct students on how to become "healthier citizens," Grunninger said.

The Wellness Advocates, run by Oestrike, is another program that will start soon. It will feature peer education about fitness, nutrition and stress management. It is run through in-hall programming.

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Law, graduate schools show wares at GW fair

BY MATT KATZ
HATCHET REPORTER

More than 500 graduate and law schools infiltrated the Smith Center Monday and Tuesday during GW's 19th Annual Graduate and Professional School Fair.

Approximately 250 schools attended the first session, for all graduate programs except law. Students from throughout the D.C. area conversed with college representatives and sorted through graduate school applications.

Even with the 250 schools present, however, Keith Dean, who is not an undergraduate student but works in the area, said he thought the fair should be expanded.

"I think it's kind of small I don't see that much for the business-minded student," he said.

Junior Kevin Delaney was looking for information about medical schools he might want to attend. He also said the fair was not complete.

"The representatives are helpful, they are very friendly and do the hand-you-the-stuff kind of thing. My main problem is there's not many med schools here," he said.

The law school fair on Tuesday hosted 255 representatives, although fewer students attended it than the graduate school fair.

"Pretty much every school I have wanted to apply to is here. It is a lot easier than having to mail in for the applications," said Lou Papera, a



Dave Flintzen/Photo Editor
Students check out the Graduate and Law School Fair.

senior at American University. Papera came to Foggy Bottom specifically for the fair.

GW advertised its legal assistant program. It is the only program of its kind in the country.

"It's an opportunity for undergraduates to take courses toward their undergraduate degree while completing the graduate level certificate," said Patsy J. Carr, legal assistant program manager. "You get two for one."



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Leader urges Muslim political involvement

BY AMY S. MAIO
 HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Muslim community can make a difference in American elections if it votes as a block, said Abdurahman Alamoudi, executive director of the American Muslim Council.

He suggested Muslims cast their ballots in a "protest vote" this year.

The Wednesday discussion was entitled "Muslims in American Politics: Can Muslims Impact the Status Quo?" and was sponsored by the Muslim Students Association.

The idea of the protest vote, Alamoudi said, is to show the major parties that the Muslim vote can have a significant impact on American elections.

Alamoudi discussed the 1994 California senatorial race between Democrat Dianne Feinstein and Republican Michael Huffington as an example. A group of Muslims who offered to help Feinstein's campaign were turned away because, according to Alamoudi, Feinstein said she knew Muslims did not vote.

Feinstein won the election by fewer than 2,000 votes, and Alamoudi said the Muslim vote could have changed the outcome.

Alamoudi said all Muslims registered to vote should choose Reform

Party candidate Ross Perot rather than the two major party candidates because it is in the Muslim community's "best interests as a minority to have a (three-party) system."

He said the Muslim community can then point to Perot's increased support and show it was caused by Muslim votes.

The Muslim community can help America in other ways, Alamoudi said, such as joining the fight against alcohol and drug abuse. Alamoudi said alcohol abuse costs the United States \$80 billion a year, and drugs cost the nation \$50-60 billion.

He added that Americans "hardly (ever) focus on the problems. They always focus on the symptoms of the problems. Muslims can help focus on those problems."

"Muslim Americans can be the moral leadership of America," Alamoudi said.

He said Muslims can also influence American politics by becoming involved in the social sciences so each field can work toward Muslim interests.

He encouraged young people to become interns in government institutions rather than spend their summers at the beach.

"We need to show that the Muslim community counts in America," Alamoudi said.

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Just a few hours off Broadway: D.C. theater

Local scene attracts big stars, unique shows

While Washington may be known for its political scene, its reputation in the arts is one that captures little attention. Although they lack the bright lights and long-standing tradition of those in New York City, Washington's numerous theaters offer just as much in the way of variety and talent.

In addition, the fact that Washington isn't Broadway makes it much easier to afford and actually get tickets to the hottest shows in town.

Several big theaters in the city attract their fair share of attention. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts attracts the Bolshoi Ballet Company and stars such as Carol Channing. Andrew Lloyd Webber will premiere a show at the National Theatre next spring. Tourists flock to Ford's Theatre to see the

balcony where President Lincoln was shot.

The Shakespeare Theatre puts on free performances every summer in Rock Creek Park, this year bringing in Kelly McGillis (*Top Gun*) to play in "Measure For Measure." Phylicia Rashad ("The Cosby Show") is starring in "Blues For An Alabama Sky" at Arena Stage.

Some of the smaller theaters in town may not attract the big-name shows or actors, but they do put on some of the most innovative shows being done today. Shows that someday may get to Broadway are now playing on stages at The Church Street Theater, The Studio Theatre, the Source Theatre Company and the Woolly Mammoth Theatre.

With the 1996-97 performance seasons in full swing, now is the time to check out the many theater opportunities Washington has to offer.

'Mrs. Klein' on the couch at the Kennedy Center

BY NICOLE SPEULDA
WEEKEND WRITER

The arrival of two-time Tony Award winner Uta Hagan to the Kennedy Center has created quite a stir, as people have flocked to see her star in Nicholas Wright's "Mrs. Klein."

Living up to any expectations, Hagan's portrayal of child psychoanalyst Melanie Klein is outstanding. In fact, it is the acting of the three lone characters that gives life to an otherwise dull play.

Amy Wright and Laila Robins play Klein's secretary Paula and her daughter Melitta, respectively. The two are the perfect complements to Hagan, with their wonderfully authentic German accents.

The drama is based on the actual life of Klein, a German-born psychoanalyst who settles in London in the 1930s. The play begins with Klein hiring Paula, a devoted young analyst, to stay in her home per-

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forming secretarial duties while she attends her son's funeral.

Here, the stage is set for the central issue of the play: the puzzling death of Klein's son Hans and its effects on her and her daughter. Klein's sorrow-drenched soliloquies are teamed with the bitter disposition of her daughter, who blames her brother's death on her mother's controlling and analyzing nature.

While at times intellectually stimulating, this authentically drab single-set lacks visual stimulation. The three women sit in the sitting-room-turned-office (where Klein's personal life and work are shown to be one and the same) and create all of the drama and action verbally as they discuss their lives.

The sparse episodes of humor in the script are the highlights. The funniest part occurs when Melitta makes her entrance and finds Paula diligently working at her departed mother's desk. Being almost as fond of alcohol as her mother, Melitta entreats Paula to sit and have a drink of the "Irish Scotch," which they hysterically "pour over."

The two become wildly playful
(See MRS. KLEIN, p. 2)

Kennedy Center premieres 'Illuminata' in ballet series

BY TATIANA K. FIX
WEEKEND WRITER

The Washington Ballet is back at the Kennedy Center with its new Fall Series. This fall is the company's 20th anniversary season.

The Washington Ballet will perform at the Kennedy Center's Terrace Theater Oct. 2-6. The highlight of this season is the world premiere of a ballet by the company's new associate artistic director, Simon Dow. Dow joined The Washington Ballet as a dancer in 1979.

Dow's ballet, "Illuminata," is set to a score by award-winning, Washington-based composer and performer Jerzy Sapijevski.

Sapijevski is a synthesizer player who teaches at American University and has played at Carnegie Hall.

Already having an idea of what he wanted to do, Sapijevski worked with Dow in producing the music for Dow's piece. And according to Washington Ballet Marketing and Public Relations Director Judy Keyserling, Dow's piece is much-anticipated.

"'Illuminata' is a theatrical piece, almost avant-garde," Keyserling said.

The Washington Ballet's Fall Series also includes works by famous American choreographer George Balanchine. Last fall, "Suzanne Farrell Stages Balanchine" was one of the most

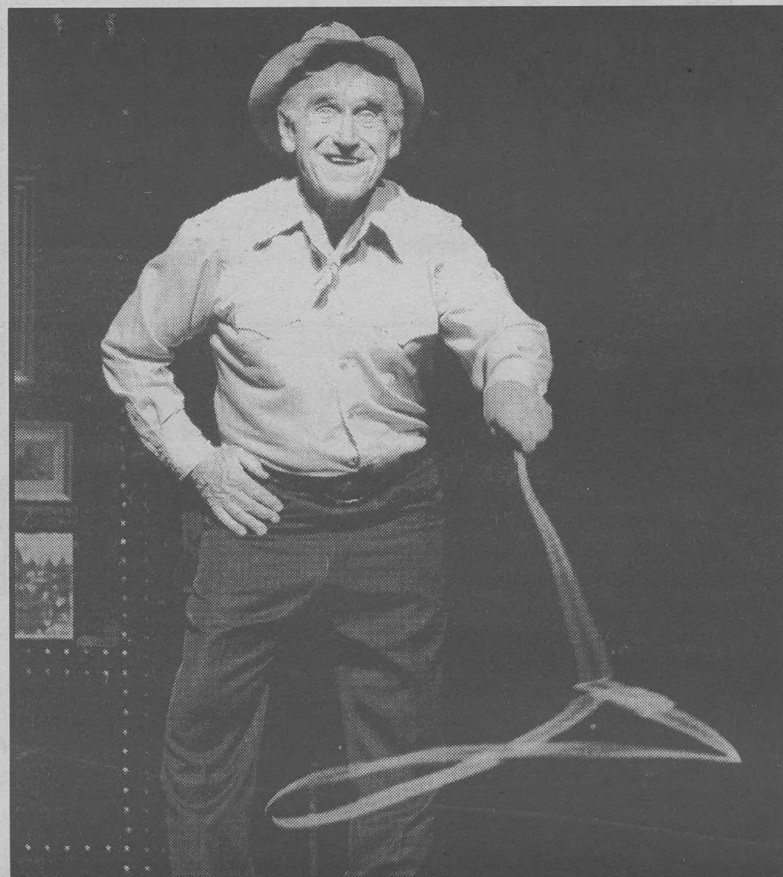
laudable performances in the history of ballet at the Kennedy Center.

Keyserling said Balanchine's ballets are "extremely abstract." The piece that will be performed this fall, "Concerto Barocco," premiered in 1977 and is considered one of Balanchine's most abstract and difficult ballets.

"It is especially hard on women," Keyserling said, "because of all the pointwork."

"Concerto Barocco," is a transcendental ballet in three movements, designed to simulate the rhythm and form of Bach's great score, "Concerto for Two Violins in D minor."

The third piece for the Fall Series,
(See BALLET, p. 2)



James Whitmore performs comedy and a few rope tricks as Will Rogers.

'Will Rogers' U.S.A.' at Ford's

BY BRIAN ECCHER
WEEKEND WRITER

To many of us, Will Rogers is merely the cowboy who once said, "I never met a man I didn't like."

But Rogers was much more than a single quote. He was a satirist, a philosopher, a political analyst, a social commentator and, above all, an American hero.

With a piece of chewing gum in his mouth, a lariat by his side and a 10-gallon hat perched on the back of his head, Rogers was a cowboy who left the ranch to travel the world and tell the world what he thought along the way.

"Will Rogers' U.S.A.," playing at Ford's Theatre, attempts to capture the essence of this cowboy philosopher, not by recounting every detail of his life, but simply by having Rogers share his views of the world.

(See ROGERS, p. 2)

Lee Atwater 'Fixin' to Die' at Church St.

BY BRIAN SMITH
WEEKEND WRITER

Playwright Robert Myers portrays a unique interpretation of the career of Lee Atwater, Republican political strategist of the 1970s and '80s, in the one-man production "Fixin' to Die: A Visit to the Mind of Atwater," now playing at the Church Street Theater near Dupont Circle.

As timely as it is relevant, this production should not be missed by anyone interested in a viewpoint of modern political reality from a strategist — someone usually inaccessible to the public.

The play touches on some of the darker undertones of the 1988 presidential campaign, which Atwater managed for George Bush. Myers brings to light the racial tensions the Bush camp played up against Democratic nominee Michael Dukakis.

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Hagan's 'Mrs. Klein' shines

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after consuming half of the bottle, bantering back and forth about mental conditions of analysts in general, which livens up the play. But this action is short-lived, and the story reverts back to its somber mood when Klein returns home.

While the end is strange and somehow anticlimactic, this play is definitely thought-provoking. "Mrs. Klein" offers a glance into a home where the locked drawers of the file cabinet are referred to as Klein's Id, Ego and Superego.

"Mrs. Klein" continues at the Kennedy Center Eisenhower Theater through Oct. 20. For more information, call Kennedy Center Instant Charge at (202) 467-4600 or visit the box office.

Ballet premieres

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"Birds of Paradise" by Choo-San Goh, is arguably one of Goh's most popular and celebrated works. Goh has choreographed 14 ballets for The Washington Ballet Company. In addition, he has done configurations for legendary Russian dancer Mikhail Barishnikov.

Set to Alberto Ginastera's "Concierto para Arpa Orquestra," "Birds of Paradise" is exotic, whimsical and invigorating. The ballet includes dramatic, yet elegant poses reflecting bird movements.

Keyserling said that "Birds of Paradise" is a "very exciting, contemporary and exotic ballet, with almost an eastern look." The music for this piece is lush and the cast is quite big - seven men and seven women.

"The Washington Ballet Fall Series" will be at the Kennedy Center Terrace Theater Oct. 2-6. For more information, call Kennedy Center Instant Charge at (202) 467-4600 or visit the box office.

Will Rogers' world

(from p. 1)

Born in 1879 in a small Oklahoma town, Rogers was not bred for stardom. He got his start performing some rope tricks and talking about whatever was on his mind.

Of the multitude of subjects that Rogers found himself talking about, politics was by far his favorite. Whether it was making light of political conventions or questioning the morals of politicians, Rogers found more humor in the U.S. government than in anything else.

Over the course of two hours, Will, played by James Whitmore, comments on everything from politics to economic theory to college sports, with an occasional rope trick or two along the way.

However, the truly remarkable fact is that every line spoken by Whitmore was actually said at one time by Rogers. Topics such as balancing the budget, the use of U.S. forces as peacekeepers and environmentalism seem to be such modern notions, yet Rogers tackled them more than 60 years ago.

While Rogers' words alone are entertaining, it is Whitmore's superb acting that brings these stories and their author to life. As he swaggers about the stage, Whitmore creates an atmosphere of such intimacy and warmth that one cannot help but be drawn into the world of Rogers.

Every actor both fears and desires a role for which they will always be associated, and Whitmore, who originated the role of Rogers in 1970, has clearly found his place in theatrical history.

"Will Rogers' U.S.A." continues at Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St., N.W., through Oct. 20. Tickets are \$24-36. For more information, call the box office at (202) 347-4833 or ProTix at (800) 955-5566.

Lee Atwater lives

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Bruce McIntosh, as Atwater, exclaims in one scene, "Dukakis' running-mate? Willie Horton!," referring to the African American man convicted of murder in Massachusetts who raped a white woman while on weekend furlough from prison while Dukakis was governor there.

Throughout the play, Atwater is treated not as a person, but as the archetype for the modern political strategist. The play is not a study of the man but of the career. The immorality of Atwater's tactics is implied to the audience, as it views a man more delighted with the power of politics than with the issue of right and wrong.

The play closes with Atwater's re-examination of his life's work and motives as he dies of brain cancer. In light of the subtlety of the rest of the work, such last-minute, death-bed humanity is almost inappropriate.

In all, "Fixin' to Die" is engaging and provocative. Its relevance in the election season is obvious. In addition, the play's commentary is at times both delightful and biting in its portrayal of our nation's most recent (and often unseen) leaders - the strategists.

"Fixin' to Die" has enjoyed success in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Charleston and at Harvard University. Its success here is almost guaranteed. "Fixin' To Die: A Visit to the Mind of Lee Atwater" continues at the Church Street Theater, 1742 Church St., N.W., through October 20. Tickets are \$15-20. For more information, call the box office at (202) 265-3748.

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Bands play every night but Friday. On Fridays, CDs spin from behind the bar. You can count on Blues or Country as the genres of choice.

The televisions are typically tuned to ESPN, unless one arrives early enough to catch a late-running match in another sport. On more than one occasion, the Belle has seen a rodeo.

The bar is lined with the usual poisons, but Old Glory also boasts Washington's largest selection of single-barrel and boutique bourbons. Old Glory offers five beers on draft, including J. Paul's Amber Ale and Lone Star, as well as 14 bottled options.

Most people, however, can be found sipping a mixed delight from a mason jar. The House Special is a cool and lemony concoction called a White Lightning, but you can get your Lynchburg Lemonade or Mississippi Punch, too.

As for the kitchen, it's open Sunday through Thursday until 11:30 p.m. and on the weekend until 12:30 a.m. An abbreviated late-night menu with some munchies on it is also available.

The prices at Old Glory aren't cheap — beers average about \$3 each and mason jar drinks are in the \$5 range. But don't write this place off. You get a good-sized, well-made drink in one of those jars. The Belle suggests Old Glory for an evening of relaxation and a change of pace.

That Thing You Do! is the thing to do this weekend

BY TONY HILTON
WEEKEND WRITER

Veteran actor and two-time Oscar Award winner Tom Hanks does it all in his upcoming movie. He wrote, directed and even acted in *That Thing You Do!* (Twentieth Century Fox).

The film is about a small-town band whose drummer, played by Giovanni Ribisi ("My Two Dads") breaks his arm and leaves the band in need of a replacement.

Led by the band leader, Jimmy (Johnathon Schaech, *How to Make an American Quilt*), Lenny (Steve Zahn, *Reality Bites*) and "The Bass Player" (Ethan Embry, *White Squall*) approach Guy Patterson (Tom Everett Scott, "Grace Under Fire") to ask him to fill in so they can compete in a local music contest.

The result? Well, not only does he help the band in its time of need, but he also helps inspire its name from the difficult to pronounce "One-ers" to the "Wonders." Guy also changes a song that was originally supposed to be a love ballad into a rock 'n' roll hit ripe for discovery — a song called "That Thing You Do!"



(l. to r.) Hanks, Schaech, Tyler, Embry, Scott and Zahn play a '60s pop music group. ▲

Liv Tyler (*Stealing Beauty*) plays Jimmy's supportive girlfriend Faye, who inspires and rides with the group members through their entire climb from unknowns to famous rock 'n' roll stars.

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Hanks plays Mr. White, a record executive from Play-Tone Records, the label that signs the Wonders and promotes its song to near the top of

the charts.

The movie is definitely worth seeing. The formula is basic, but Hanks pulls it off rather successfully. The story's flow and direction are straight and to-the-point. However, it moves quickly without pontificating on the finer points of a rise in fame or stature.

All in all, *That Thing You Do!* is another notch in Hanks' belt. A must-see for those looking for a good time. *That Thing You Do!* opens in theaters Friday.

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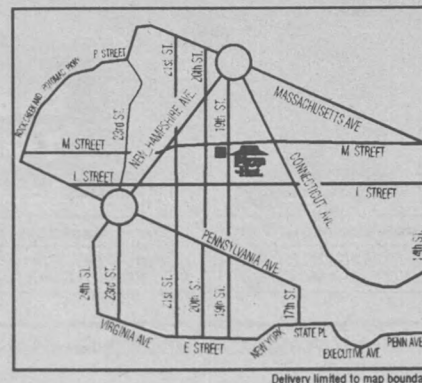
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Israeli writer sees no peace

Journalist Zadka doubts U.S. talks will find solutions

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Israeli journalist and commentator Shaul Zadka projected a bleak outlook for Middle East peace Monday night on the eve of the emergency Israeli-Palestinian summit in Washington, D.C.

Zadka began by describing what he believes was the turning point of Arab-Israeli relations – the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, an event Zadka described as “the watershed” of the relationship between Israelis and Arabs.

Zadka stressed that most Israelis were not against the Israeli-Palestinian peace process begun by Rabin and Palestinian Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

“The assassination can be attributed to a fundamental movement that was adamant to derail the Israeli-Palestinian peace process ... it is not correct to think that most Israelis were against this process, because this is not so,” Zadka said.

Zadka went on to talk about Rabin's successor, Shimon Peres, and his defeat in Israel's May elections.

“Peres' main problem was that he was trying to make policies without consulting the whole range of” Israel's population, Zadka said. “In this respect he was short-sighted.”

He pointed out that during Peres' time in office, he tried to make policies that favored the mainstream, but neglected other Arab and Israeli groups.

Zadka also attributed Peres' poor showing in the May elections to the bombings that rocked Israel in late February and March.

“The defeat of (Peres') Labor Party was not a rebellion of the Israeli people against the peace process, but rather a way for the people to ensure their own security.”

He added that most Israelis “would have liked to see the peace process continued, but with different priorities.”

The focus of the talk then turned to current Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Zadka criticized Netanyahu's initial refusal to honor the agreements that his predecessors reached with Arafat and the PLO.

“The Palestinians' hopes were raised to the sky by their negotiations with the Labor Party, but (with the election of Netanyahu) all the hopes were dumped ... in three months, the whole reality of the Middle East had changed.”

Zadka said Netanyahu's policy of not negotiating with Arafat, a decision that angered Palestinians as well as some Muslim countries, was not politically shrewd, showing that “Israel has a prime minister that, due to the lack of experience, cannot

cope with the complex situations of the Middle East.”

Zadka added that Netanyahu's handling of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations has played a part in “wiping out all the euphoria that was present in Israel over the last two years.”

He concluded with a somber outlook for Israel's future, predicting more unnecessary violence and killing.

“The situation is bad, and the prospects are very bleak,” Zadka said.

Several student groups and the Israeli Embassy sponsored the talk at GW's Gewirz Hillel Center.

Zadka has reported for Israeli radio and was a correspondent for English television stations BBC, ITN and SKY TV.

He was scheduled to speak about terrorism and the media, but changed the focus of his talk because of the recent violence in Israel.

Students debate JEC charter at open forum

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paign spending limits.

The run-off elections, previously funded by all three groups, would now require only the groups whose candidates are still in contention to assume the additional costs.

In addition, the fixed date for declaration of candidacy for a student office would be extended from before winter vacation until the second semester to accommodate study abroad participants.

Arnold, SA President Damian McKenna and PB Executive Chair Rodney Salinas met Monday night following the public hearing to discuss students' concerns and suggestions.

Although the representatives from the organizations reviewed the changes, “the charter is going to the MCGB, PB and the SA to get approved,” said SA Vice President for Public Affairs David Eldred. “First we wanted input from students.”

Senior Jeff Carroll, chairman of the MCGB's building use committee, attended the meeting as a non-partisan student. He said the revision of the charter that allowed for unlimited non-monetary gifts to candidates is a “clause allowing for corruption.”

Another problem, Carroll said, is the lack of a clause for removal of any JEC member, either by the committee itself or by one of its charter organizations, in the event of conflict. Citing the JEC as the “biggest thankless job on campus,” he suggested that members be paid a minimal amount on election days as an incentive.

The forum listened to his concerns, but he said they “skirted around the issues.”

Salinas said the meeting was “sparsely attended, but very productive.” He noted that “everybody understands the need for this new charter.”

The final draft of the charter was submitted for approval to the SA Senate. First it must pass through the rules committee before it is voted on by the full Senate. The PB and MCGB will discuss the charter at their own meetings.

McKenna was unavailable for further comment.

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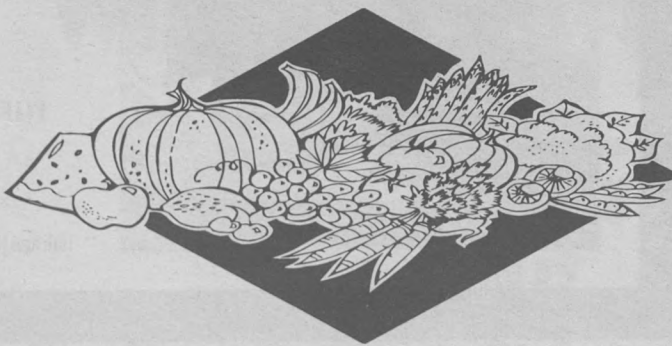
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Crime Fair addresses safety on GW campus

BY SUSAN SCHULTZ
HATCHET REPORTER

University Police hosted a Crime Prevention Fair on the Quad Tuesday to inform GW students of the dangers of living in a city.

Washington, D.C., was recently ranked as the eighth worst crime area in the nation. Metropolitan Police confirmed this ranking by listing campus crime at GW as "moderate" to "high."

MPD and the Maryland State Police, along with UPD, represented recent efforts in crime prevention and safety at the fair.

Tables offered information on protecting property, traveling alone and the hazards of drinking and drug use. Pamphlets gave safety hints such as avoiding walking alone, parking in well-lit areas and staying alert to strangers around you.

"Students need to be alert on city campuses and have the knowledge to prevent situations before they occur," an MPD representative warned.

Concerned students visited the fair to learn ways to improve their personal safety on a city campus.

"Going to a school in D.C., I am concerned about crime and safety, but by attending the fair I got helpful information on crime prevention and safety," freshman Kelly Dunphy said.

The Washington Post also recently reported the rise of binge drinking and drug use on the GW campus ("Party Hardly," Sept. 20, D1), as evidence of the potential for crime.

"Only two violent rapes have occurred on campus this semester, but I suspect that more goes on," said representative Amory Lelake of the D.C. Rape Crisis Center.

In its continuing efforts to preserve "pride in protection and service," UPD offers services such as the escort service, theft identification numbers and a blue-light emergency phone system on campus.

Many community organizations are providing GW with protection, such as updating fire safety guidelines for residence halls and maintaining crisis center hotlines.

SA threatens legal action against Council

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when the measure comes up for reauthorization in three months.

The legislation, effective as of Tuesday, requires students living in Foggy Bottom and Georgetown ANC districts to register their vehicles in D.C. in order to purchase a residential parking permit.

Abigail Sanford, SA vice president for student affairs, said students should not have to register to vote in the District to have parking privileges. She said it is unconstitutional for the Council to single out

students in two ANC districts.

The SA is looking into the legislation's legality, Sheehy said, claiming the bill violates the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

According to memos last May from the District's Office of Corporate Counsel and Office of the General Counsel, the legislature knew the proposal may violate the equal protection clause.

McKenna said the SA paid for a rental van and printed signs for the rally.

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Reich says U.S. morally obliged to help poor

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He illustrated the decline in wages with graphs. He showed that in 1969, the buying power of the minimum wage in 1996 dollars was \$7.26.

The graph, adjusted for inflation, showed a steady drop in the minimum wage from \$7.26 in 1969 to \$6.49 in 1979, ending with the \$4.25 rate that represented a 40-year low.

The wage increase "will not eliminate poverty," Reich said, pointing to the small upward spike in the graph representing Tuesday's increase, "but it will put a dent in it."

Reich said poverty is dropping in the United States, and 10.5 million new jobs have been created as of August.

"Vigorous job growth plus the minimum wage plus the Earned Income Tax Credit of 1993 will help those at lower income levels," he said.

He argued that economic growth did not always help those with in the bottom 20 percent of family income, however. Citing another graph, Reich pointed to rising levels of income for the top 20 percent of family incomes and an almost flat – even slightly decreasing – level for the bottom 20 percent.

More than 300 consider fraternities, sororities

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organized. The program allows them to see which chapters each of the 150 rushees has been invited to and where her preference lies.

Tucker said the program, which was developed by D&D Digital Systems in Ames, Iowa, has been used at GW since 1992.

Sigma Nu is the first fraternity to set up a rush homepage on the World Wide Web.

Sophomore Greg Belkin, who put the page together for GW's chapter, said many rushees have seen the site, which includes pictures of chapter events, a chapter history, a brother list and a list of this week's rush events.

However, fraternity rush over-

"Between 1979 and 1993, the top 20 percent of family incomes increased by 25 percent while the bottom 20 percent of family incomes decreased by 10 percent," Reich said. "The pie is bigger, the economy is growing and there are more jobs."

The secretary said two reasons are behind the business cycle affecting the lower income: workers' technology and the globalization of the economy. The only way to overcome this, he said, is through education.

Reich pointed to studies showing that an increasing number of people with college educations were benefiting from higher wages. Those without higher education, especially women and minorities, were affected by decreasing wages, Reich said.

"What this means is that to face the challenge of bringing up the bottom 20 percent is half to do with education," Reich said.

Reich said the new budget for fiscal year 1997 included appropriations for more repairs for schools, more low interest loans for college and more work-apprentice programs.

Regarding the disparity of the rich and poor, Reich said, "We must not underestimate the challenge we have before us."

all is less methodical than its female counterpart. Each fraternity organizes its own events and is responsible for publicizing them to potential rushees.

Fraternities have offered rush events such as Monday night football, "hoagies and stogies," billiards nights and dinner with the brothers. Each chapter holds invitation-only events at week's end.

Fraternities and sororities will offer bids to rushees on Saturday, and Tucker said she hopes all bids will be accepted by Monday, when she will hold a mandatory pledge meeting to explain the University hazing policy and other aspects of GW Greek-letter organizational life.

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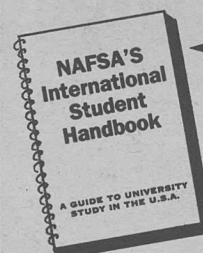
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SPORTS

Women's rugby kicks off

Players enjoy camaraderie, competition

BY JONATHAN RIBA
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

Rome was not built in a day. Walk before you run. To win a game, you first must show up. Any of these clichés could describe the first-ever GW women's rugby club game.

Formed by captain Caryn Adelson, the purpose of the women's rugby club is to give female students an opportunity to play a sport that combines the toughness of football with the strategy of chess.

"After watching the guys play, it looked like so much fun, so I decided I wanted to give girls who were interested the same opportunity," Adelson said.

The score of the debut game — a 53-0 loss — is not the important point. What is important is the fact that the 25 girls on the team learned the value of teamwork and in the process earned each other's respect.

Co-head coach Don Collure was thrilled with the performance, considering the women had only four practices before the game.

"They played with great inten-

sity," he said. "You could see they love the sport and were eager to learn. I promise you will see marked improvement over the season."

Mike Buffington, head coach of American University's women's rugby team, was in a similar position last spring. AU initially felt growing pains, but has developed into a solid team.

The AU Eagles defeated Mary Washington 61-0 last week. Buffington's advice to GW: "KISS — Keep it Simple, Stupid. Teach the basics, but don't get too complicated."

GW forward Allison Jenkins said she loved her first experience on the field. "It was hard but fun. We worked together as a team to figure out what to do."

Sushma Pakalapati perhaps summed the experience up best when she said, "It was an awesome bonding experience."

GW plays its second game against Mount St. Mary's next week. Between now and then a great deal must be done, but the new female rugby players are ready and willing to give it their all.

The streak is over: GW falls 3-1 to JMU

BY MATT BONESTEEL
SPORTS EDITOR

Riding a four-game winning streak, the GW women's soccer team came into Wednesday's game against James Madison with a renewed sense of confidence.

After starting the season 1-3, the Colonial Women looked as if they were ready to take on the big-name teams that were looming on their schedule.

Call GW's 3-1 loss to the Lady Dukes a minor setback.

The Colonial Women once again failed to come up with a big win against quality opposition, as JMU jumped all over GW in the first half to put away the win early.

Kristi Palmaccio sealed the win for the Lady Dukes in the 27th minute of the game as she booted a rebound past GW goalkeeper Traci Jensen to make the score 2-0. JMU had taken the lead just three minutes earlier when Therese Seldon scored off an assist from Tasha Ellis.

Chemar Smith, who has been on fire for the Colonial Women



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

As the team's leading scorer, Chemar Smith is a big reason for the Colonial Women's undefeated mark in the Atlantic 10.

lately, made the score 2-1 at the 32nd minute, scoring off an assist from Carri Sellers. But that was all the scoring GW would get for the day.

Jessica Williams added an insurance goal for the Lady Dukes with five minutes left in the first half to make the score 3-1. That score would hold for the rest of the game as the teams went scoreless in the second stanza.

The Colonial Women had their chances to score. They fired 16 shots on JMU goalie Stacy

Bilodeau, who grabbed eight saves. GW also tallied nine corner kicks, but was unable to put more than one ball between the pipes.

The Lady Dukes harassed Jensen all game, blasting 18 shots at the GW keeper, who finished the match with 12 saves.

The Colonial Women must now put this win behind them and focus on Sunday's big game with conference foe Massachusetts, a team ranked No. 7 in the nation. The game is at 2 p.m. at South Riding Field.

GW crew gets new coach, little practice

BY CLAIRE DUGGAN
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

The GW crew team has had to cope with rough waters in the Potomac River and a brand new coaching staff this year.

GW proved these obstacles have not been too much to handle in the Head of the Potomac last weekend.

Due to the recent flooding of the Potomac, the men's and women's crew teams had fewer than two weeks to practice for the first meet. In addition, two new coaches are at the helm this year. Stephen Petersen is the crew director and varsity women's coach, and Jim King is the new varsity men's coach.

The GW women's teams did especially well. The varsity team competed in the open eight race and tied for second with the Riverside Boat Club of Boston. Both boats had a time of 15:58.6 while Georgetown, which placed first, had a time of 15:57.

Immediately after the open eight race, four rowers from the varsity boat competed in the women's four and also placed second in a time of 18:28, 16 seconds behind first place Potomac Boat Club.

Petersen said he was especially pleased with the members of the women's four boat because they placed second despite having just rowed the 2.8-mile course for the open eight race. Amy Hall, Shannon Haggood, Erin Moore, Tara Derosa and coxswain Christine Prior composed the women's four boat and were also members of the varsity eight boat.

The GW men's club eight boat finished 11th in its first race of the year with a time of 15:29. The Naval

Academy took first place.

Navy dominated the men's open eight race, taking the top three spots with times of 13:36, 13:47 and 14:02. GW's men's varsity eight placed 10th in the race with a time of 14:56.

Because of rain and choppy waters, the 2.8-mile course was shortened to about two miles. This affected the final three races of the day.

GW men's four finished sixth in 12:13 while the University of Pennsylvania finished first in 11:33.

In GW's final two races, the men's lightweight eight finished sixth in 12:58 and the women's junior varsity club eight finished eighth in 13:15.

Petersen was pleased with the team's performance. "We were a little unprepared because we only had one, one-and-a-half weeks to practice," he said. "I can be a poor loser, but I was very happy with how they did."

Petersen, who is an Olympic rower, said the team has a new program to get used to. "There have been bumps in the road, but I think they're doing well," he said. "The program took off with Paul (Wilkins, the former head coach), but now it needs a breath of fresh air, a new inventiveness."

GW's next meet will be in Boston at the Head of the Charles on Oct. 10. GW will send four boats to the competition, more than the one or two it has sent in the past.

Since the Head of the Charles is a large regatta with stiff competition, Petersen said it would be "naïve" of him to expect to win. "I want to finish in the top five or six percent of the college teams," he said.

Vogel, Smith set pace for Colonial Women

BY DUSTIN GOUKER
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

For any team to succeed, it's essential that the most experienced players play well throughout the season.

The GW women's soccer team has been getting that kind of effort from two of its brightest stars — senior midfielder Tanya Vogel and junior forward Chemar Smith.

Vogel was named the Atlantic 10 Conference player of the week for the week of Sept. 16 for her outstanding performance in a 2-1 victory over conference opponent Xavier. Her two goals in the game meant the difference between a win and a loss.

Despite her play, and the importance of the Colonial Women getting back to the .500 mark with the win, Vogel is modest about her role in GW's recent winning streak.

"Truthfully, both games that weekend (at Dayton and at Xavier) were a complete team effort," said Vogel, a first-time player of the week honoree. "Scoring goals is a tribute to the team. I'll take the honor, but it's not me — it's everyone else out here."

The only player currently

outscored Vogel is junior sensation Chemar Smith, who is once again the leading point-scorer for the Colonial Women. Through the win over Duquesne at home Sept. 29, Smith already had scored 16 points, including seven goals, in just seven games. A highlight was her two-goal performance in the team's win against Duquesne.

Vogel and Smith are just two of the reasons for GW's recent turnaround. An embarrassing 5-0 shutout loss at the hands of highly-ranked Maryland to open the season and two consecutive losses at the Virginia tournament had few people optimistic about the team's prospects.

"We had a rough start, but since then we've been playing well," Vogel said. A three-game road trip in A-10 play saw GW break the .500 mark for the first time, and until a 3-1 setback to non-conference foe James Madison, the team had not lost since the middle of September. This sudden change in GW's record didn't happen by accident, though.

"We deserve to be where we are right now. It's come from a lot of hard work and practices," Vogel said.

SPORTS BRIEF

Catch the bus to see GW soccer

When the GW department of athletics announced that the GW soccer teams would play at South Riding Field near Dulles Airport in Virginia, Athletic Director Jack Kvanetz hinted that buses might be provided to get students out to see the games.

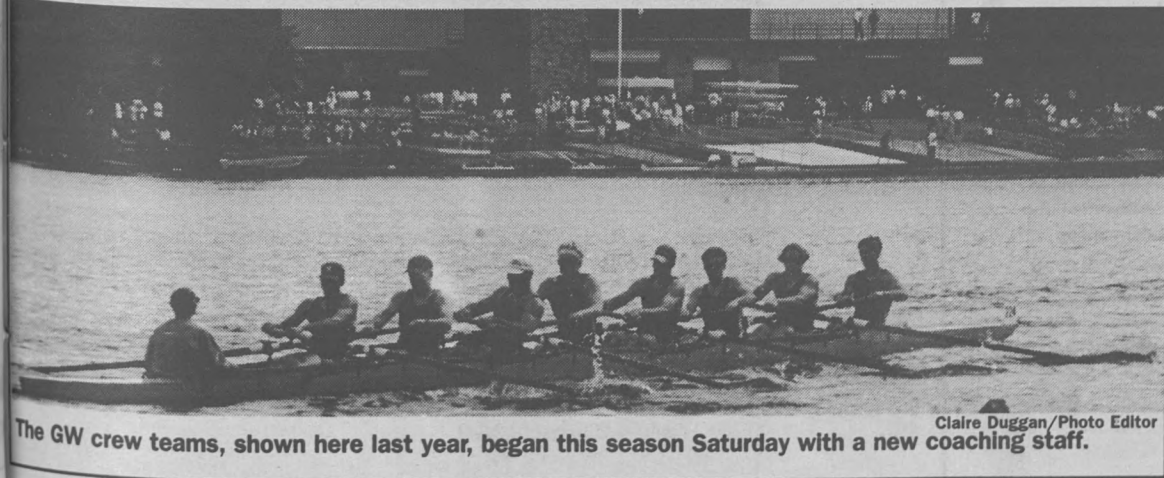
The plan has finally come to fruition, as GW is providing free bus service to and from the games Sunday. Both teams are playing

UMass in a doubleheader. The women's team will play at 2 p.m., and the men will follow at 4 p.m.

The bus will depart from the Smith Center at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. for South Riding, and will depart from the field back to campus at 2, 4:15 and 6:15 p.m. for the Smith Center.

Students must sign up for the trip at the athletic department office in room 219 of the Smith Center or at the Office of Campus Activities in Marvin Center room 427.

—Matt Bonesteel



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The GW crew teams, shown here last year, began this season Saturday with a new coaching staff.

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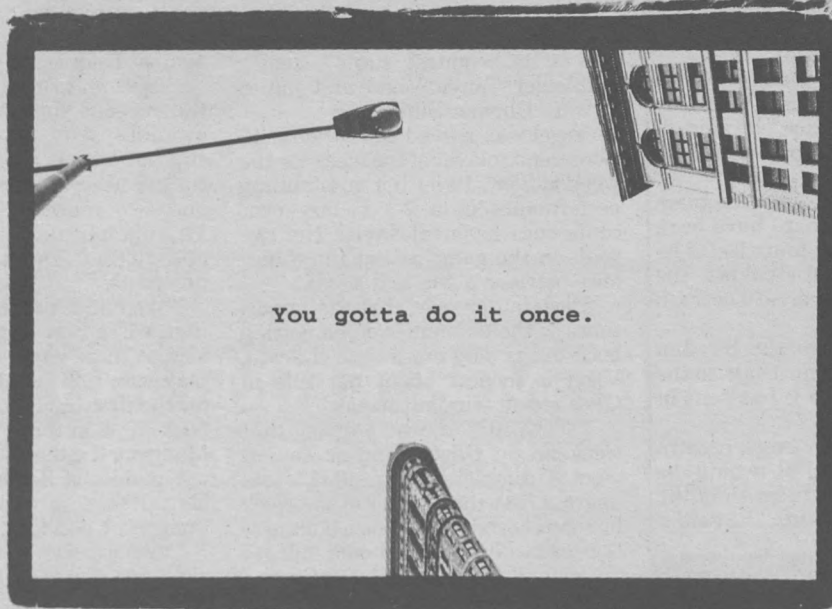
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Promising golf season tees off for Colonials

BY DAVE ADLER
HATCHET SPORTS REPORTER

The GW golf team got into the heart of what it hopes will be one of its best seasons in history with a ninth place finish at the Navy Fall Invitational last weekend in Annapolis, Md.

Paced by junior Luis Barrutieta's 147, GW shot a team 616 - 48 over par. The Colonials finished ninth in the 18-team tournament. The host Naval Academy team tied Rollins College with a 590 to share first place honors. The tournament was played at the U.S. Naval Academy Golf Course, a par 71 course that measures 6,611 yards.

Colonials Rob Duva (156) and Brandon Hansen (157) bolstered the Saturday effort with a pair of 76s. Barrutieta's 70 on Sunday won him seventh place in the individual standings.

GW head coach Scott Allen said he was happy with his team's performance. "I'm pleased with posting solid numbers without any three guys playing well on the same day," he said.

Last year in the same tournament, GW finished eighth out of only 12 teams. Citing the improvement, Allen said he is confident and is looking ahead to the season.

"We have a chance to be the best golf team at GW since the 1950s," he said.

Senior Mark Gandee struggled on Saturday with an 82, but shot an

impressive 74 Sunday. Sophomore Dan Pereyo was consistent as he shot an 84 and then an 85.

Barrutieta's 70 was the second best 18-hole score in the tournament. Barrutieta is a newcomer to the Colonials, after transferring from Saddleback College in California. At Saddleback, he led his team to the California State Junior College Championship.

Barrutieta is the latest foreign standout to play on a GW sports team. He hails from San Sebastian, Spain.

Meanwhile, on Sept. 12, Wesley (Del.) College, GW finished second out of 12 teams in the Wesley College Invitational. Allen described the field in the season-opening competition as "weak."

Allen said the Colonials have a outside chance of becoming one of the four Atlantic 10 Conference teams that go to the NCAA Tournament. Last year's team finished sixth in the A-10.

He said perennial favorite Virginia Tech should win the conference this year. He added that GW will battle Penn State, Rhode Island and Xavier for a bid to the Tournament.

GW's next tournament is the John's Invitational at Bethpage Long Island, N.Y. The Bethpage Black golf course was recently chosen to host the U.S. Open in 2000. Army won and GW finished 12th in last year's tournament of 24 teams. Allen said he hopes GW will improve this year.

The Lisner Hippo

NFC East is a Texas-size problem for the Hippo

That damn NFC East.

The Hippo hates the NFC East. No one besides the river horse himself expected Washington to be in the lead of the division at this point of the season, but look at those Giant and Cowboy games: The Hippo has predicted seven games involving these two, none correctly. Expect the Eagles to trade for cry-baby Jeff George. After Rodney Peete's injury on Monday night, the Eagles are looking for a one-year solution, and George is the answer.

Once again, these picks are for entertainment use only. Any money you lose based on these picks is solely your fault for taking the word of a hippo. **Raiders at Jets:** The Hippo applauds the Jets. They finally figured out that they need to run the ball. The loss to the Redskins will haunt the Jets for at least another week. The Raiders are angry about their loss to the Bears, and will finally win one. Pick: Raiders by 6.

Packers at Bears: October. Soldier Field. Packers. Bears. It's games like these that make the Hippo's mom say, "It just doesn't get any better than this." Pick: Bears by 1.

Colts at Bills: It just doesn't get any better than this II. Jim Harbaugh, known as "Captain Comeback," had his Colts in front of the Dolphins in the entire game last Monday night. This time, he'll be out of practice. Captain Comeback. Pick: Bills by 3.

49ers at Rams: The Hippo only has one thing to say: Elvis Lives. Let's live the king. Pick: 49ers by 21.

Chargers at Broncos: This is the game of the week. San Diego continues to play frenetic defense led by Junior Seau. Denver seems to have a decently balanced offense for John Elway to work with. San Diego is playing well since getting blown out by the Packers. Elway is at home though, and the Hippo knows better than to pick against those odds. Pick: Denver by 7.

Steelers at Chiefs on Monday night: Two good teams square off in another Monday night battle. The Hippo is tremendously wary of the game, given his 1-4 record on Monday nights. The Steelers are rested and ready, and the Chiefs are coming off a heartbreaking loss to the Chargers. The Steelers like to run between the tackles, which means Jerome Bettis is going to be running into Neil Smith all night long. QB Mike Tomlin won't be able to bail the Steelers out. Pick: Chiefs by 3.

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